GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Protection of Taj Mahal
Vichare Shri Rajan Baburao

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that parts of the Taj Mahal are turning greenish-black because of release of faeces and dirt by insects; and

(b) the action taken by the Government to check environmental degradation to this historical heritage due to carbon emissions, air, water and the breeding of the insects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. The insect activity has been noticed at Taj Mahal since last year. The affected surface of Taj Mahal by various reasons is cleaned by using clay pack treatment. To reduce the environmental degradation in the vicinity of Taj Mahal, vehicular movements are banned upto 500 metres from the protected area around the Taj Mahal. Plantation has also been done in available spaces. In addition the restrictions have been imposed in the Taj Trapezium Zone by the local authorities for control of any activity leading to environmental pollution.